

1           I claim:

2           1.       A device for reading information recorded on a magnetic strip

3 incorporated in printed media, comprising:

4                   a first guide member;

5                   a second guide member disposed in proximity to said first guide member

6 to form a groove through which said magnetic strip may be slidably moved;

7                   a magnetic reading head having a contact end disposed in said groove and

8 facing said first guide member which is operable when said magnetic strip is slidably

9 moved through said groove to generate an electrical signal therefrom;

10                  a strip of resilient material held in a flexed position between a pair of

11 mounts disposed on either side of said magnetic reading head, so as to cause said strip to

12 engage said magnetic reading head and apply a force thereto so as to bias said contact end

13 thereof toward said first guide member; and

14                  a circuit to process said electronic signal to generate therefrom an output

15 compatible with a peripheral input provided on a computer.

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